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Application of: C. Ward Trussell, Jr.)
Serial No.: 09/879,928)
Filed: June 14, 2001)
Title: DIODE ARRAY END PUMPED SLAB)
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RULE 111 AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2003, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with proposed Rule 121(c), please accept Claims 1-5 as shown in attached Exhibit A (Complete Listing of All Claims).

REMARKS

In the aforementioned Office Action, the Examiner has also rejected Claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for being unpatentable over the Fields et al. reference, when further considered in view of the Marchitto et al. reference. The Examiner has further objected to claim 5 as containing informalities.